

Application Number 10/563564

Response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2008

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sample analysis tool comprising:
a substrate; and
at least one reagent pad provided on the substrate,
wherein ~~a~~ at least one balance pad is provided on the substrate so as to adjust at least one of weight balance and friction balance of the sample analysis tool,
the at least one reagent pad is provided on a first end portion of the substrate, and
the at least one balance pad is provided on a second end portion of the substrate
opposite to the first end portion at a distance from the at least one reagent pad.
2. (Currently Amended) The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein
the substrate is in a strip shape,
the second ~~one~~-end portion of the substrate serves as a holding portion and a
portion other than the holding portion serves as a reagent pad arrangement region,
the at least one reagent pad is provided on a side in the reagent pad arrangement
region opposite to a side closer to the holding portion ~~side in the reagent pad arrangement~~
~~region~~ and the at least one balance pad is provided in the reagent pad arrangement
region on the side closer to the holding portion ~~side in the reagent pad arrangement region or in~~
the holding portion.
3. (Currently Amended) The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein
the substrate is in a strip shape,
the second ~~one~~-end portion of the substrate serves as a holding portion and a
portion other than the holding portion serves as a reagent pad arrangement region,
the at least one reagent pad is provided on a side opposite to a side of the holding
portion ~~side in the reagent pad arrangement region~~ and the at least one balance pad is

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provided in the holding portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein the ~~number of the at least one reagent pads is in a range from 1 to 8~~ reagent pads and the ~~number of the 1 to 3 balance pads is in a range of 1 to 3~~ are present.

5. (Currently Amended) The sample analysis tool according to claim 2, wherein two or more of the at least one reagent pad[[s]] are arranged in series along a longitudinal direction of the strip-shaped substrate.

6. (Currently Amended) The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein the at least one reagent pad contains a reagent for a urinalysis, a biochemical test, a microorganism test, an immunological test, a genetic analysis, an environmental test, a test for an agricultural chemical, or an allergen test.

7. (Currently Amended) The sample analysis tool according to claim 6, wherein the reagent is suitable for urinalysis testing for at least one selected from the group consisting of glucose (GLU), protein (PRO), bilirubin (BIL), urobilinogen (URO), pH, occult blood (BLD), ketone bodies (KET), nitrite (NIT), leukocytes (LEU), S.G. (specific gravity), a color tone, ascorbic acid, a salt concentration, highly-sensitive protein, albumin, creatinine, Bence-Jones protein, hormones, and physiologically active substances, and the at least one reagent pad is provided for each selected test item.

8. (Original) The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, which is analyzed by an analyzer.

9. (New) The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein the at least one balance pad is formed on a rear surface of the substrate on a front face of which the at least one reagent pad is formed.